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61/294. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/11 of 27 October 1986, in which the Atlantic Ocean, in the region situated between Africa and South America, was solemnly declared a zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Recalling also its subsequent resolutions on the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Reaffirming that the questions of peace and security and those of development are interrelated and inseparable, and considering that cooperation among States, in particular those of the region, for peace and development is essential for the promotion of the objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Reaffirming also the importance of the purposes and objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic as a basis for the promotion of cooperation among the countries of the region,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of Member States towards fulfilling the goals of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic and their engagement in its revitalization by, among other actions, holding thematic workshops in the framework of the Luanda Initiative, as a preparatory process of the sixth ministerial meeting of the zone, held in Luanda, on 18 and 19 June 2007,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, in which it urged States of the region to continue their actions aimed at fulfilling the objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic, especially through the implementation of specific programmes,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

1. *Stresses* the role of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic as a forum for increased interaction among its member States, and acknowledges the valuable contribution made by the first Africa-South America Summit, held in Abuja from 26 to 30 November 2006, particularly in reference to

[1] A/60/253 and Add.1.

paragraph 7 of the Abuja Declaration in which participants mandated the strengthening of regional cooperation on peace and security among organizations and mechanisms of which they were members, mentioning the zone as an important instrument for consolidating peace and security;

2. *Welcomes* the holding of the sixth ministerial meeting of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic, and takes note with appreciation of the adoption of the Luanda Final Declaration[2] as well as the Luanda Plan of Action;[3]

3. *Calls upon* States to cooperate in the promotion of the objectives of peace and cooperation established in resolution 41/11 and reiterated in the Luanda Final Declaration and the Luanda Plan of Action;

4. *Requests* the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system, and invites relevant partners, including international financial institutions, to render all appropriate assistance that States members of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic may seek in their joint efforts to implement the Luanda Plan of Action;

5. *Welcomes* the offer by the Government of Uruguay to host the seventh ministerial meeting of the States members of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic in 2009;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the implementation of its resolution 41/11 and subsequent resolutions on the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic under review and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session, taking into account, inter alia, the views expressed by Member States;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic".

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[2] A/61/1019, annex II.

[3] Ibid., annex I.